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SUBJECT: ARAB LEAGUE RESOLUTIONS: IRAQ, PALESTINE, TERRORISM, MAGEN DAVID ADOM ISSUE

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1. The following are unofficial embassy translations of Arab League resolutions on Terrorism, Palestine, Iraq, and the Third Protocol/Magen David Adom issue, approved by Arab Foreign Ministers during their meeting in Cairo on September 18. The documents were obtained in draft format but have reportedly been agreed to by Foreign Ministers with minimal edits. A more detailed readout of the meetings is provided in reftel.

2. Text of 4 Arab League Resolutions (Unofficial Embassy translations):
Terrorism, Iraq, Palestine, Third Protocol/MDA Issue:

Arab League Resolution on Terrorism

After reviewing the memorandum of the General Secretariat, the preliminary report of the Secretary General and the General Secretariat's activity between the two rounds, and the recommendation of the Political Affairs Committee, the Arab League Council at its ministerial level has decided the following:

- 1- Condemn the terrorist bombings in Sharm El-Sheikh as criminal acts that rendered many innocent people victim in violation of all religious, ethical, and human values. Condemn the terrorist acts in London and Arab countries and other regions of the world.
- 2- Condemn all forms of terrorism regardless of their motives and excuses. Reject any link between terrorism and any religion, culture or civilization. Confront effectively what the Arabs and Muslims are being exposed to, be it racial attack or discrimination. Stress the Islamic religion's message aimed at elevating the values of tolerance and rejecting terrorism and extremism.
- 3- Work to tackle the roots of terrorism and remove the factors that feed it through eradicating the foci of tensions, (halting) double standards in implementing international law, and putting an end to injustice and aggressions against human rights.
- 4- Continue Arab coordination at the United Nations with regional countries and groups for the sake of holding an international anti-terrorism conference under the auspices of the United Nations. Expedite the drafting of a comprehensive UN agreement on terrorism that would include a clear definition of terrorism that is agreed upon internationally, taking into account that the killing of innocent civilians is not approved by heavenly religions or international charters, and taking into account the difference between terrorism and the people's legitimate right to resist occupation and aggression.
- 5- Stress the importance of Arab coordination at the bilateral and multilateral levels in order to reactivate the provisions of the Arab anti-terrorism agreement through enhancing cooperation in the judicial and security fields and through inviting the Arab countries that have not signed the Arab agreement to do so while (at the same time) underline the importance of having all Arab countries join the international anti-terrorism agreements.
- 6- Mobilize media, educational, and religious institutions and the civil society to increase awareness of the danger of terrorism and extremist ideology and to confront this destructive epidemic that threatens the stability of human societies and undermines the process of their development.
- 7- Enhance measures aimed at combating the financing of terrorism in accordance with current international agreements and criteria in order to confront money-laundering and terrorism-financing operations, and to request the Arab ministers of Justice and Interior to draft an Arab agreement on this.
- 8- Welcome again the Riyadh Declaration issued by the International Anti-Terrorism Conference held in Riyadh in February 2005 and call for issuing a UNGA resolution to form a work team (task force) to study the (best) means of

carrying out the recommendations included in the Declaration, as well as King Abdallah,s proposal on establishing an international anti-terrorism center, which would strengthen international cooperation in this connection.

9- Assign a team of Arab anti-terrorism experts to follow up on what has been reached by the international anti-terrorism conference held in Riyadh and the Arab Regional Seminar on Combating Terrorism held at the Arab League on February 16-17, 2005 and to submit a report and recommendations to the next round of the Arab League Council.

10- Promote existing cooperation between the Arab League and international and regional organizations in the field of anti-terrorism and enhance the Arab League General Secretariat,s point-of-contact with the Anti-Terrorism

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Commission formed by virtue of SC Resolution No. 1371 of 2001.

Arab League Resolution on Iraq

After reviewing the memorandum submitted by the Republic of Iraq and based on Resolution 264 by the Tunisia summit dated May 23, 2004 and Resolution 299 by the Algeria summit dated March 23, 2005, and as it stresses the Arab League ministerial resolutions No. 6324 and 6325 of September 9, 2003 and 6377, 6437, and 6494,

and as it welcomes the recommendations issued by the international conference on Iraq held in Sharm El-Sheikh on November 22-23, 2004,

and as it welcomes the recommendations issued by the Brussels conference held on June 22, 2005,

and as it refers to SC Resolution No. 1618 of 2005 that condemns terrorist activities in Iraq,

and after hearing the review by the Iraqi FM,

and after conducting deliberations, the Arab League Council at the ministerial level held on September 8, 2005 has decided the following:

1- Stress the necessity of having all Arab countries adhere to the complete implementation of provisions 7, 8, 11, and 12 of Algeria summit Resolution No. 299 of 2005 regarding developments in Iraq and Arab diplomatic presence in Iraq so as to express Arab brotherly solidarity for Iraq as a member state and a founder of the Arab League. Urge Arab governments and non-government financial institutions and funds to actively contribute to the reconstruction of Iraq and cancel its debts in order to enable the Iraqi economy to stand on its feet.

2- Welcome the Secretary General,s announcement to open an Arab League General Secretariat Mission in Baghdad and his call for accomplishing this mission as soon as possible in order to activate the League,s role in Iraq.

3- Underline the necessity of assisting in accomplishing the current political process in Iraq in a way that guarantees the unity of the people and land of Iraq and enhances the Iraqi people,s full exercise of their sovereignty. Call on all sects of the Iraqi people to join in the political process, especially the drafting of the Constitution and the referendum on it, as well as in the legislative elections scheduled for December 2005.

4- Strongly condemn the terrorist attacks in Iraq, incursions, and destruction, and extend condolences to the victims of the (recent) bridge tragedy and other areas of Iraq, which are all a threat to peace and security as stated in SC Resolution No. 1618 of 2005. Denounce all that is related to terrorism, be it instigation or financing, which is targeting the Iraqi people. Call on all Arab countries to cooperate for the sake of securing the stability and reconstruction of Iraq.

5- Denounce the serious human rights violations that took place during the occupation of Kuwait and the obliteration of facts about POWs and missing Kuwaitis and other countries, nationals, the remains of whom were found in mass graves. Express deep condolences to the families of the victims and call for exerting all possible efforts in order to find out the fate of all those who are missing.

6- Express deep sorrow and regret at the martyrdom of Egyptian Ambassador Ihab El-Sherif and the Algerian diplomats Ezz Iddin Belqadi and Ali Belaroussi and extend condolences to the families of the three martyrs and to the governments of Egypt and Algeria.

7- Support the Iraqi Government,s efforts and all concerned parties to enhance security precautions in Iraq, especially for Arab and non-Arab diplomatic missions and secure effectively the protection of all diplomats and representatives of regional and international institutions and media officials so as to maintain, encourage, and expand Arab and non-Arab diplomatic presence in Iraq.

8- Form a ministerial committee consisting of Jordan, Bahrain, Algeria, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Iraq, Kuwait, Egypt, and the Secretary General to draw up a strategic plan to assist Iraq and follow up on the resolutions of the Arab summit and the ministerial meetings.

9- Submit a request to the Secretary General to follow up on this issue and present a report to the next round of the Arab League.

Arab League Resolution on Palestinian Issue

After reviewing the memorandum of the General Secretariat, the preliminary report of the Secretary General and the General Secretariat,s activity between the two rounds, the recommendation of the Political Affairs Committee, and the Plan of Action to implement the Initiative prepared by the Arab Initiative Committee at the level of Permanent Delegates,

and as the Arab League Council reiterates the resolution of (previous) Arab summits, particularly the Beirut 2002, the Sharm El-Sheikh 2003, the Tunisia 2004, and the Algeria 2005 summits,

and as the Council refers to the international resolutions on the Palestine issue and the Arab-Israeli conflict, particularly the relevant SC resolutions on establishing an independent Palestinian State with Jerusalem as its capital and achieving a lasting and comprehensive peace,

and as the Council stresses its resolution No. 6486 of March 3, 2005,

and as the Council warns of the danger of Israel,s continued indifference to international and Arab peace endeavors and continued defiance of international resolutions,

and as it stresses the importance of Palestinian national unity at this stage, the Arab League Council at its ministerial level has decided the following:

1- Emphasize that the peace process is an inseparable entity and that the just, comprehensive, and lasting peace that the peoples of the region are aspiring to will not be achieved except by the return of all and complete Arab rights to their rightful owners. Stress that the Gaza pullout plan is a first step on the road towards a complete and comprehensive withdrawal from all the occupied Palestinian territories, including Jerusalem, and is an inseparable part of the peace process according to the (relevant) international resolutions.

2- Praise the awareness of the spirit of responsibility of the Palestinian national dialogue and stress complete support for the PNA in its ongoing efforts to maintain security and order and enhance the power of the law in the Palestinian territories, a matter which would guarantee the preservation of the Palestinian people,s national unity and create an atmosphere conducive to the resumption of the peace process. Praise the efforts exerted by the Arab Republic of Egypt in cooperation with the PNA with this regard.

3- Warn of Israel,s premeditated intentions of taking advantage of the Gaza withdrawal to strengthen the occupation,s grip on the West Bank and Jerusalem. Denounce the Israeli position expressed recently by the Israeli PM that the Israeli efforts after the Gaza pullout would be devoted to securing Israeli presence in major areas in Galilee, Negev, and Greater Jerusalem that would include East Jerusalem, settlements, and security areas in the West Bank.

4- Welcome all international initiatives that would place MEPP on top of the political priorities. Ask the U.S. Administration in this connection to work to translate into reality President Bush,s vision of establishing an independent Palestinian State next to Israel in accordance to the principles of the peace process as expressed in the relevant UN resolutions, the principle of Land for Peace, the principle of Non-Acquisition of Territories by Force, and the Arab peace initiative. Regard all that has to do with the final status as subject to negotiation between the two parties on the basis of the aforementioned principles without any prior conditions or promises.

5- Call on the Member States and the General Secretariat to continue to follow up on the results of voting on the resolutions related to the Palestinian issue and the

Arab-Israeli conflict at the UNGA and all international organizations, and to contact the countries that adopt negative positions on this for the sake of explaining the Arab viewpoint in an attempt to push them into changing their positions.

6- Assert that the Arab peace initiative is the way to achieve a just, permanent, and comprehensive peace in the region. Adhere to the Arab peace initiative and work to reenergize it through actions on various local, regional, and international levels.

7- Call on the Quartet to resume to work seriously to achieve a just and comprehensive peace in the ME on the basis of the Arab peace initiative, the Roadmap, and SC Resolution No. 1515 of 2004.

8- Enhance Arab action at the international arena and seek the issuance of a UNGA resolution adopting the Arab peace initiative as a document relating to the roadmap. Arrange for a seminar on Palestinian-American relations aimed at achieving a better understanding between the two sides at this stage which requires a greater level of understating and dialogue with (various) international dynamic forces, especially in the United States.

9- Reactivate the Plan of Action towards the Israeli society and political forces inside Israel in accordance with the relevant provision of the Arab peace initiative, whether through engaging and intercommunicating with the Palestinians of 1948 or conducting a dialogue with Jewish forces in the U.S. or elsewhere while adhering to the framework and provisions of the Arab peace initiative.

Arab League Resolution on Maged David Adom

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1. Affirming the Arab countries adherence to the provisions of International Law, International Humanitarian Law, and the Geneva Conventions, stressing that the Council is keen to preserve the unity, cohesion, and universality of the International Movement of the Red Cross and Red Crescent,

2. Affirming the stance of the member states that the time is not right to hold the Diplomatic Conference for the State Parties of Geneva Conventions (1949) to add a third protocol and adopt an additional emblem to that adopted by the Conventions until tangible progress is made in the peace process, continuing violations of the Geneva Convention in the occupied Palestinian territories including East Jerusalem are stopped, and a consensus is reached with respect to the substantive conditions necessary to convene such a conference, particularly that the draft additional protocol has not been approved yet,

3. Affirming the adherence of the Member States to the provision of the previous paragraph of this Resolution within the framework of the consultations conducted by the Swiss Government, and emphasizing this stance during the Consultative meetings to be held September 12-13 with each Arab country, in its capacity as a Contractual Party will inform the Swiss Government with such stance,

4. Requesting the Secretary General to inform the Government of the Swiss Confederation, in its capacity as the Depositary State, and the regional organizations and groups with the present resolution in a bid to coordinate the stances therewith in this respect,

5. Continuing the coordination and the consultation between the governments and the Arab Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, appreciating their efforts and movements with respect to the issue of the third protocol additional to the Geneva Conventions, and

6. Assigning the Council of Arab Ambassadors in Geneva with following up the implementation of this Resolution and conducting of necessary communications with the geographical and political groups concerned.

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